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To: All HOME & CDBG Recipients

**Notice:** FSP-99-07

From: IHFA Federal & State Programs

Date: October 7, 1999

**Re: Program Year 1999 Consolidated Plan Update**

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Beginning in Program Year 1995 (which runs July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required states and local communities to prepare a Consolidated Plan in order to receive federal housing and community development funding. The Plan consolidates into a single document the previously separate planning and application requirements for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) funding, and the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). Consolidated Plans are required to be prepared every five years; updates to the five-year plan are required annually.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is:

1. To identify a state's housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, and strategies; and
2. To stipulate how funds will be allocated to state housing and community development nonprofit organizations and local governments.

The 1999 Consolidated Plan is the last scheduled update to the 1995 Consolidated Plan. A new five-year plan will be prepared in 2000. As such, its purpose is to provide new information and identify trends related to Indiana's current and future housing and economic development needs. This information is used to evaluate strategies developed in the 1995 Plan and establish the current year's action plan.

All non-metropolitan Public Housing Authorities and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) serving HOME Non-Participating Jurisdiction areas of the state will be sent a copy of the 1999 Consolidated Plan Update Executive Summary under a separate cover. Other organizations that would like to request an Executive Summary should contact Sandra Pettigrew, Development Assistant, at (800) 872-0371.

Additionally, the Executive Summary as well as the full 1999 Annual Update are available to download from the IHFA website at the address given below.

**<http://www.state.in.us/ihfa/aboutihfa/development/consolidplan/plan.htm>**

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact your IHFA Development Specialist.

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